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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KYRGYZ FOREIGN MINISTER TO SECRETARY

OF STATE CLINTON

11. Post received the following letter and its translation from Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Sarbayev to Secretary of State Clinton. The letter requests that Kyrgyzstan be included in the list of aid recipient countries in the framework of \$20 billion aid allotted for addressing the challenges of food security in developing countries. A scan of the original letter has been sent to SCA/CEN.

12. Begin unofficial translation.

Bishkek, October 28, 2009

Dear Mrs. Secretary of State,

Expressing my gratitude for your letter of October 16, 2009, I would like to confirm that the Kyrgyz Republic welcomes decisions taken at the Partnering for Food Security meeting organized by Your Excellency and the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on September 26,2009 in New York.

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has been taking all necessary measures to provide food security and eradicate hunger. These measures foresee an increase in production volume of agricultural products and foodstuffs and complete elimination of import dependency of the domestic food market by 2015. "Law on food security of the Kyrgyz Republic" and "Program for provision of food security of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2009-2015" have been adopted at the legislative level.

The Kyrgyz Republic being a member of the Food and Agriculture Organization intends to take the most proactive part in the forthcoming World Food Summit in Rome on November 16-18, 2009.

I assure that Kyrgyzstan supports the principles for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to end global hunger through country-led food security strategies as agreed at the G8 Summit in L'Aquila.

In this context, I would like to express hope that the leaders of G8 nations will consider the possibility of including the Kyrgyz Republic in a list of aid recipient countries in the framework of \$20 billion aid allotted for addressing the challenges of food security in developing countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$  highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/ signed /

Kadyrbek Sarbayev

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